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Assessment Newsletter Update

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Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be January 17, 2018.

TO: All Subscribed Newsletter Recipients

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Cohort Graduation Rate

Cohort graduation rate follow-up window opens on January 15th. This is the only opportunity to finalize your cohort graduation rate. Visit: <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/CohortGradAppeals/> for more information.

Alternate Assessment

Special education teachers should be preparing to upload artifacts to IPASS for students participating in the Science ISAT-Alt assessment. Since the window for uploading artifacts is open until March 31st, it is tempting to fall under the illusion that there is plenty of time to gather and upload student work. Please help your teachers “step away from that ledge” and encourage them to start now. The motto should be, “Upload early, upload often.” As you may remember from last year, the upload process is time-consuming and the deadline to upload artifacts is a hard deadline.

If you or your teachers need help with the IPASS application, they should contact the help desk support@sde.idaho.gov.

The 2017-2018 ISAT Paper-Pencil Test (Regular Print, Large Print, and Braille) order window opens January 2, 2018. This includes ordering paper-pencil tests for ELA and Math ISAT-Alt. You should only be ordering paper-pencil tests for students who need a paper-pencil answer sheet, large print, or Braille **AND have one or more of these accommodations on their IEP**. Remember, you can print test items during the assessment so you have the flexibility to present answer choices in different configurations (horizontally, more space between choices, etc., but keeping them in the same order as presented on the screen); to allow students to manipulate the answer choices and respond to constructed response items; and/or to allow students to respond to test items using eye-gaze. Karren Streagle will be vetting all orders for paper-pencil ISAT-Alt assessments. You will be required to submit the accommodations page from students' IEPs before paper-pencil ISAT-Alt orders will be filled.

If you or the special education teachers in your building have questions or concerns about the administration of the alternate assessment, please contact Karren Streagle at (208) 332-6824 or kstreagle@sde.idaho.gov.

Assessment & Accountability Roadshow

Get up-to-date Assessment & Accountability information along with hands on training! We now will be offering a variety of topics to cover the State's Comprehensive Assessment Programs. Topics include: ISAT, Accommodations, Alternate Assessment, College Entrance Exams (SAT), WIDA ACCESS 2.0, specific time to answer assessment questions and New Assessment Coordinator specific sessions. Please share [registration](#) and [agenda](#) with staff.

Training Locations:

- **January 30, 2018** - Regions 3 & 4 - **Boise State University**, Student Union Building, Second Floor, 1700 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725
- **February 1, 2018** - Regions 5 & 6 - **Shoshone-Bannock Hotel & Event Center**, 777 Bannock Trail, Fort Hall, ID 83203
- **February 5, 2018** - Regions 1 & 2 - **Coeur d'Alene Resort**, 115 S 2nd St, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814



Find locations and more information on the [Assessment Training Registration Form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov.

College Entrance Exams

ACCUPLACER

There have been a few questions and misconceptions regarding the ACCUPLACER. Please feel free to circulate the following as your schools/districts start preparing for the School Day SAT (with or without accommodations). According to the recent [College Entrance Examination rule update](#), ‘Students receiving special education services through a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may utilize the ACCUPLACER placement exam in lieu of the SAT or ACT.’ The ACCUPLACER Placement exams are **ONLY** for students on an IEP. The ACCUPLACER is **NOT** for every student. The ACCUPLACER must be an approved assessment through a student’s IEP team. The Special Education and Assessment Department have collaborated and created [ACCUPLACER Placement Decision-Making Process](#) to provide guidance for IEP teams on which College Entrance Exam is right. For other resources, please visit the [College Entrance Exam](#) webpage or feel free to contact assessment staff: [Danielle Taylor](#) or [Melanie Jones](#).

Do not miss the ACCUPLACER Proctor Training webinar on January 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM MST. The webinar will include training on how to navigate the ACCUPLACER Platform and how to administer the assessment. This webinar will be recorded, but if you cannot fit this in your busy schedule there is no need to worry! The SDE will be emailing the webinar, presentation, and Q&A to all proctors, as well as posting to the [College Entrance Exam](#) webpage.

Please register! To do so, please click “Add to Calendar.” This will prompt a meeting invite to open. Please “Accept” the meeting invite. This will register you and place it in your calendar.

Add to Calendar

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PSAT

Billing remittance deadline is **January 12, 2018**

All College Board recorded webinar trainings pertaining to PSAT, SAT, and ACCUPLACER can be found on the [College Entrance Exam](#) webpage (scroll to bottom > training tab)

SAT

Bulk Registration Training: **January 11, 2018 at 12:00 PM MST** - [Registration](#) for webinar

SAT Accommodations requests – open now until **February 19, 2018**

Recent training/slides on the Accommodations process are found at:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/college/training/Idaho-SAT-Accommodations-Webinar.pdf>

Edmodo

The new Edmodo Idaho State Assessment Networking Group 2017-2018 join code is: **q5byei**
(updated 1/2/2018)

Idaho Reading Indicator – Legacy

The [Spring Order Form](#) for Legacy IRI materials is currently available. Please fill out the form [Spring Order Form](#) hyperlinked or you can find it located under the highlights area of the [IRI page](#). Due to accessibility requirements the form is created through Microsoft. Please make sure to use the Edge, Firefox or Chrome browsers for best results. All districts should receive their materials by April 16th. The Spring IRI window is April 16th-May 18th.

Literacy Intervention Distribution have been delivered to Districts. The amount distributed was sent to Business Managers from Tim Hill. Please make sure to keep track of your Literacy Expenditures to complete the worksheet due in early June.

ISAT

Please check the [ISAT Portal](#) regularly for important messages and dates.

AIR will launch a new help desk post call survey on Tuesday January 16, 2018. Users will be able to leave feedback on their experience with the help desk following a call. An announcement will be provided on the Portal when this new feature is operational.

An updated “Target Report” will be available when students start testing this spring. The report will provide better clarity and be easier to read. The ORS module will be updated to provide information on this updated report

Reminder: The 2017-2018 Paper-Pencil Test (Regular Print, Large Print, and Braille) order window opens January 2, 2018.

Reminder: When students exit your district, they need to be deleted from TIDE. If they are not deleted it may result in dual enrollment when they go to a new district. Please see the Quick Guide on Dual Enrollment for more details.

As a reminder, please upgrade all computers used in student testing by January 1, 2018. On that date, the Test Delivery System (TDS) will no longer support the following versions of the Secure Browsers:

- SB 9.0/9.1/9.2 for all desktops OS (macOSX, Windows, Linux)

- MSB 3.3/3.4 for all iOS versions
- iOS version 9.1.x and below will not be allowed

The following versions will continue to be supported throughout for the 2017-2018 school year:

- SB 9.5 for all 10.7-10.8
- SB 10.x for all desktops
- MSB 4.1 for iOS versions 9.3.1 - 11.x

The Secure Browser can be downloaded on the “Secure Browsers” page for Mac, Windows and Linux. You may need assistance from your IT coordinator to make these updates.

NAEP

Hello everyone, happy new year!!

We are fast approaching the 2018 NAEP assessment window. During the winter break I sent an email to all schools participating in the 2018 NAEP assessments. This email included information about how students take the test, which is useful for students, teachers, school assessment coordinators, and anyone else who may be involved! If you are interested in how the test works, visit these websites: [NAEP tutorial](#) and [sample questions](#).

In December, I learned about two major happenings about our Nation’s Report Card. The first was the new NAEP Data Explorer. Online calculations for 2017 data and earlier will be more user-friendly and calculations can be saved with an account you can create! The second was about the 2017 State and National data release. We are still looking at an April release (Spring of 2018 was the release date from the beginning of the assessment cycle). Contact me, Paul Kleinert, your NAEP coordinator at pkleinert@sde.idaho.gov with any questions.

Science Assessment

New Science Items Examples Introduced as Need for a New Science Assessment Increases

- New Assessment Items Examples will be posted soon to the AIR portal found here: <http://idaho.portal.airast.org/science-eoc/>
 - Remember, we are currently using temporary standards and therefore will not be implementing an assessment for the new standards until after the standards have been permanently approved
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Teacher Involvement Opportunities for 2018

Idaho has one of the largest pools of educators participating in Smarter Balanced assessment tasks.

They are now recruiting for 2018, so please pass this on to educators in your district. This is

paid, mostly remote work.

Recruitment closes February 9 for four educator activities.

- Item Authoring for ELA and Mathematics
- Item Review for Content, Fairness, and Accessibility (ELA and Math)
- Range Finding
- Data Review

Educators applicants should start the process via this survey link:

<https://smarterbalancedassessment.wufoo.com/forms/qgndplqlw9afiz/>

WIDA Screener & ACCESS 2.0

ACCESS Key Dates:

- Test Materials Arrive to Districts: January 16, 2018
- Additional Materials Open Window: January 16-March 2, 2018 – this is the next opportunity to order ACCESS test materials.
- WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Test Sessions: January 3-March 9, 2018

Certification:

New test administrators/proctors need to be trained and certified prior to administering ACCESS, located on the WIDA website: www.wida.us. If you were certified last year, you do not have to complete again this year.

WIDA/DRC has a new systems status service, which alerts subscribers to any critical incidents (e.g. system outages during testing windows).

Subscribe during Idaho's open ACCESS 2.0 window on the WIDA System Status website:

<http://status.drcdirect.com/WIDA>

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WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Webinar Trainings:

There are a variety of key topics, several pertinent prior to Idaho's open test window.

Download the ACCESS for Ells 2.0 Webinars/Q&A Sessions 2017-18 document from the WIDA website and scroll to January/February 2018:

<https://www.wida.us/Assessment/ACCESS%202.0/documents/ACCESSWebinarCalendar.pdf>

January's Assessment & Accountability Monthly Update Webinar

Our next webinar will be **January 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM MST**. This webinar will have "just-in-time" information on our comprehensive assessment systems. Please register for the webinar at our [GoToWebinar](#) webpage. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov.
